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Sir:

Applicants herewith submit a list of references including those cited in the specification. A copy of the foreign references and papers are enclosed. Since this application is being filed after June 30, 2003, the requirement for a copy of the U.S. patents has been waived.

The relevance of some of the references is discussed in the background of the invention section of the application.

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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner independently determine those items that the Examiner would consider the most pertinent of all the references cited herein.

It is respectfully requested that these references be considered and made of record.

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3 Prior Art References

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